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## Proposed Amendment to claim 38

- 38. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger comprising:
- a heating medium channel for passing a high-temperature heating medium;
- a fuel channel provided adjacent to the heating medium channel and separated from the heating medium channels channel through a partition wall, the fuel channels channel being supplied with liquid fuel from above the heating medium channels channel to vaporize the liquid fuel by heat exchange with the high-temperature heating medium;
- a fuel supply plate provided above the heat heating medium channels channel, the fuel supply plate having a plurality of holes for passing the liquid fuel, wherein said plurality of holes are sized so as to pass the liquid fuel by drops; and

avoiding portions for preventing the liquid fuel, which are flown out from the adjacent ones of sald plurality of holes, from being mixed with each other.

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